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SUBJ: PRESIDENT KASNDA'S PRESS CONFERENCE AT STATE HOUSE

1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE
THIS AFTERNOON AT STATE HOUSE IN
LUSAKA PRESIDENT KAUNDA ANNOUNCED CHANGE IN THE

CENTRAL COMMITTEE--CHANGES WHICH HE PROMISED TO MAKE AT THE
TIME OF HIS GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE ON APRIL 24. AT THE SAME
TIME SHIFTS AND NEW APPOINTMENTS OF PROVINCIAL POLITICAL
SECRETARIES WERE ANNOUNCED.

2. PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID THAT THE CHANGES WERE DESIGNED TO
STRENGTHEN THE COUNTRY TO MEET THE CHALLENGES IT WAS FACING
AS A RESULT OF "ECONOMIC DEPRESSION" AND "THE POLITICAL AND
MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA." NO QUESTIONS WERE
ALLOWED FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

3. THE NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MR. ANDREW MUTEMBA, MCC, CENTRAL PROVINCE (FORMERLY MCC
AND CHAIRMAN YOUTH AND SPORTS)
MR. SHADRECK SOKO, MCC, COPPERBELT PROVINCE (FORMERLY MCC FOR
LUAPULA PROVINCE)
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MRS. MARY FULANO, MCC FOR LUAPULA PROVINCE (FORMERLY MCC FOR
CENTRAL PROVINCE)
MR. STEVEN SIKOMBE, MCC, SOUTHERN PROVINCE (FORMERLY MCC FOR
WESTERN PROVINCE)
MR. SAMUEL MIBILISHI, HMCC FOR WESTERN PROVINCE (FORMERLY
MCC FOR SOUTHERN PROVINCE)
MR. FINES BULAWAYO, MCC AND VICE CHAIRMAN. ELECTIONS,

PUBLICITY AND STRATEGIC SUB COMMITTEE (FORMERLY MCC FOR COPPERBELT PROVINCE).

MR. FINE LIBOMA, MCC AND CHAIRMAN, YOUTH AND SPORTS (FORMERLY MCC AND SECRETARY OF YOUTHBRIGADE).

MR. FWANYANGA MULIKITA, MCC AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF YOUTH AND SPORTS SUB COMMITTEE. MR. MULIKITA WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA COUNCIL.

4. A NUMBER OF CHANGES OF THE PROVINCIAL POLITICAL SECRETARIES WERE MADE AT THE SAME TIME AND TOW PROVINCIAL POLITICAL SECRETARIES WERE, HIN THE WORDS OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA, DEMOTED AND WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE APPOINTED DISTRICT GOVERNORS.

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COMMENT: THE MOVES ANNOUNCED BY KAUNDA TODAY APPEAR TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD STRENGTHENING THE PARTY APPARATUS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 1978 NATIONAL ELECTIONS, AS WERE THE SHIFTS WITHIN HIS GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED APRIL 24. THE MAIN CHANGES ARE IN THE CENTRAL COPPERBELT, LUAPULA, SOUTHERN AND WESTERN PROVINCE. THE CHANGE IN THE COPPERBELT PROVINCE SEEMS TO BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. MCC BULAWAYO'S PERFORMANCE IN THE COPPERBELT HAS COME UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRIVATE CRITICISM AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW PROVINCIAL POLITICAL SECRETARY FOR THE COPPERBELT IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF UNIP'S CONCERN TO IMPROVE THE PARTY APPARATUS IN THIS PROVINCE--THE STRONGHOLD OF THE BEMBA.

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